

- 2. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a remote and/or direct communications link to a host cell-phone
 - a remote and/or direct communications link to a voice/speaker interface or headset
- 3. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a communications keypad coupled to a steering wheel
 - a remote and/or direct communications link to a host cell-phone
 - a remote and/or direct communications link to a voice/speaker interface or headset
- 4. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a remote and/or direct communications link to a cell phone
- 5. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - wireless communication connectivity
- 6. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a remote and/or direct communications link to the internet
- 7. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - operational keys placed so as to be positioned on the backside of the steering wheel relative to the vehicle operator
- 8. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - operational keys placed so as to be positioned at the fingertips of the vehicle operator.
- 9. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - raised lettering
- 10. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - raised lettering on keys placed off-center of key as tactile cue
- 11. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a visual operational-display which rotates, allowing it to be read vertically and horizontally
- 12. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a rotating visual operational-display capable of maintaining verticality independent of the plain maintained by the MUI control facial.
- 13. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a speakerphone
- 14. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
 - a wireless headset

15. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
wireless connectivity
16. the invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:
a rotating visual operational-display
wireless two-way connectivity
a wireless headset
a speakerphone
17. A method for operation of a mechanical user interface (MUI) for a wireless communications device coupled to the steering wheel of a motor vehicle comprising:

placement of at least one hand on steering wheel *in order* that a user may initiate or otherwise transact wireless communication through the act of depression of keys on keypad.

tactile operational cues on fascia and housing designed for method of operation not requiring visual cues for operation.

keypad operation through the use of tactile cues on fascia and housing allowing through method and utility a vehicle operator's train of vision to remain unimpeded.
18. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
raised lettering on keys
19. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
raised lettering on housing
20. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
key placement positioned along the backside of steering wheel.
21. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
shape and patterning of key arrangement
22. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
shape of keys
23. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
angle of keys
24. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,

finger grooves and bumps for orientation of hand along fascia

25. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
finger grooves and bumps for orientation of hand along housing
26. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
operational keys placed so as to be positioned at the fingertips of the vehicle operator.
27. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
operational keys placed so as to be positioned on the backside of the steering wheel
relative to the vehicle operator
28. The invention in accordance with claim 17 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
raised lettering on keys
patterning of key placement
shape of keys
angle of keys
finger grooves and bumps for orientation of user's hand along fascia
finger grooves and bumps for orientation of user's hand along housing
operational keys placed so as to be positioned on the backside of the steering wheel
operational keys placed so as to be positioned at the fingertips of the vehicle operator.
29. A mechanical user interface (MUI) for a wireless communications device comprising:
a communications keypad coupled to the steering wheel of a motor vehicle
a communications keypad capable of being readily uncoupled from the steering wheel of a
motor vehicle
keypad operation through the use of tactile cues on fascia and housing
tactile operational cues on fascia and housing designed for method of operation not requiring
visual cues for operation
30. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
raised lettering on housing
31. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
key placement positioned along the backside of steering wheel.
32. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
shape and patterning of key arrangement

33. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
shape of keys

34. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
angle of keys

35. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
finger grooves and bumps for orientation of hand along fascia

36. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
finger grooves and bumps for orientation of hand along housing

37. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
operational keys placed so as to be positioned on the backside of the steering wheel
relative to the vehicle operator

38. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
finger and/or hand positioning groove/s and/or ridges enabling user orientation by touch to
key-pad

39. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
tactile operational cues not requiring visual cues for operation including,
raised lettering on keys
patterning of key placement
shape of keys
angle of keys
finger grooves and bumps for orientation of user's hand along fascia
finger grooves and bumps for orientation of user's hand along housing
finger and/or hand positioning groove/s and/or ridges
operational keys placed so as to be positioned on the backside of the steering wheel
operational keys placed so as to be positioned at the fingertips of the vehicle operator.

40. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
tactile design orientations on dialing fascia coupled to steering wheel enable a motor vehicle
operator to maintain consistent hand contact with the steering wheel, while initiating,
fielding, or terminating phone calls through the method of touch.

41. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
a dialing key pad coupled to a steering wheel whereon are placed raised numbers, symbols,
and/or designators.

42. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:

a dialing keypad placed on a steering wheel whereon tactile designators assign recognition value meaningful to the user for operating keypad functions on the basis of touch.

43. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
an input keypad coupled to a steering wheel
a visual display coupled to steering wheel
a headset coupled via a retractable cable
44. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
a visual display coupled to vehicle console
45. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
a visual display placed along a driver's line of sight to the road.
46. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
a rotational visual operational-display capable of being read by the operator independently of the vertical or horizontal positioning of the MUI control fascia.
47. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
an interfacing link to a host wireless communications device
48. The invention in accordance with claim 29 further comprising:
an input keypad coupled to a steering wheel
an interfacing link between voice/speech interface, input keypad, and cell phone

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